

YouGov / Control AI Survey Results

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 Fieldwork: 21st - 28th November 2023

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The European Union's Artificial Intelligence Act (EU AI Act) is a new legal framework that aims to regulate the development and use of artificial intelligence. Would you support or oppose the EU AI Act...

Treating AI as a dangerous and powerful technology, akin to nuclear power or biological weapons

Strongly support	22	12	24	23
Somewhat support	29	30	27	31
TOTAL SUPPORT	51	42	51	54
Somewhat oppose	18	24	19	22
Strongly oppose	8	15	12	9
TOTAL OPPOSE	26	39	31	31
Don't know	23	19	18	15

Requiring individual countries to co-operate together on the development of powerful AI

Strongly support	13	17	18	21
Somewhat support	31	40	28	38
TOTAL SUPPORT	44	57	46	59
Somewhat oppose	17	19	16	16
Strongly oppose	15	7	13	7
TOTAL OPPOSE	32	26	29	23
Don't know	25	18	24	18

Holding AI companies liable for harms that result from their models

Strongly support	31	30	43	45
Somewhat support	31	36	25	32
TOTAL SUPPORT	62	66	68	77
Somewhat oppose	11	10	10	8
Strongly oppose	5	5	5	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	16	15	15	11
Don't know	22	18	17	11

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Require developers of powerful AI systems to prove their plans are safe before deploying their systems (as it is commonplace in high-risk industries)

Strongly support	36	34	45	49
Somewhat support	28	37	23	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	64	71	68	79
Somewhat oppose	10	11	11	7
Strongly oppose	6	5	4	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	16	16	15	11
Don't know	20	14	16	10

Preventing the development of smarter-than-human AI

Strongly support	19	15	23	27
Somewhat support	25	33	21	29
TOTAL SUPPORT	44	48	44	56
Somewhat oppose	18	21	21	18
Strongly oppose	17	10	13	10
TOTAL OPPOSE	35	31	34	28
Don't know	21	20	22	15

Who do you think should be legally responsible for any harms that result from an Artificial Intelligence (AI) model, the creators of the model, the distributors, or both equally?

The creators	18	21	18	22
The distributors	2	6	6	6
Both equally	65	63	65	66
Neither	3	2	3	2
Don't know	11	9	9	4

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And if foundation models are included in the EU AI Act, would you support or oppose the EU AI Act...

Treating foundation models as a powerful and dangerous technology

Strongly support	23	13	23	28
Somewhat support	34	36	28	33
TOTAL SUPPORT	57	49	51	61
Somewhat oppose	12	21	17	17
Strongly oppose	6	10	8	6
TOTAL OPPOSE	18	31	25	23
Don't know	24	20	25	17

Requiring the creators of AI foundation models to prove that their models are safe

Strongly support	44	36	45	49
Somewhat support	24	33	21	29
TOTAL SUPPORT	68	69	66	78
Somewhat oppose	7	10	9	5
Strongly oppose	5	5	5	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	12	15	14	9
Don't know	20	17	20	13

Implementing a tiered approach so that foundation models are regulated to a greater degree than simpler AI models

Strongly support	21	14	19	27
Somewhat support	37	41	31	41
TOTAL SUPPORT	58	55	50	68
Somewhat oppose	10	13	14	10
Strongly oppose	4	5	5	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	14	18	19	14
Don't know	28	27	31	19

Treating foundation AI models as high-risk AI models

Strongly support	25	14	24	28
Somewhat support	33	36	24	35
TOTAL SUPPORT	58	50	48	63
Somewhat oppose	11	19	18	15
Strongly oppose	6	9	8	5
TOTAL OPPOSE	17	28	26	20
Don't know	25	22	25	18

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Regulating AI products, but not the AI foundation models they are built upon

Strongly support	9	6	9	13
Somewhat support	28	28	28	26
TOTAL SUPPORT	37	34	37	39
Somewhat oppose	19	30	18	26
Strongly oppose	11	9	12	13
TOTAL OPPOSE	30	39	30	39
Don't know	34	27	33	21

Having a voluntary code of conduct from AI companies on AI foundation models, rather than mandatory regulatory requirements

Strongly support	18	10	17	19
Somewhat support	31	32	24	31
TOTAL SUPPORT	49	42	41	50
Somewhat oppose	15	22	17	19
Strongly oppose	8	9	16	12
TOTAL OPPOSE	23	31	33	31
Don't know	29	27	26	19

When AI companies create new AI models, they create the models through a process known as a “training run”. Some policy makers are proposing that AI companies be required to register large training runs with the government in advance of conducting them. They say that it’s essential the public knows when large, potentially dangerous, models are created. Other policy makers disagree. They say that such registration would hamper research, making it difficult for some AI companies to innovate. They also claim that such a regulatory regime would be expensive and wasteful. What do you think? Should governments require companies to register large training runs for foundation models?

Yes, governments should require companies to register large training runs	63	65	68	68
No, governments should not require companies to register large training runs	10	14	14	13
Don't know	27	21	18	19

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To what extent, if at all, do you trust CEOs and leaders of technology companies to act in the public interest when discussing regulation for artificial intelligence (AI)?

Trust a lot	3	2	3	4
Trust a fair amount	16	26	22	21
TOTAL TRUST A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT	19	28	25	25
Don't trust very much	37	44	33	44
Do not trust at all	33	16	30	22
TOTAL DON'T TRUST MUCH / AT ALL	70	60	63	66
Don't know	11	12	12	9

To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose the introduction of an international treaty to ban 'smarter-than-human' artificial intelligence (AI)?

Strongly support	25	20	22	32
Somewhat support	29	35	27	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	54	55	49	62
Somewhat oppose	14	19	19	16
Strongly oppose	10	8	13	8
TOTAL OPPOSE	24	27	32	24
Don't know	22	19	19	14

To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose governments being able to disable artificial intelligence (AI) systems that are proven to have dangerous capabilities?

Strongly support	40	32	42	47
Somewhat support	31	37	26	29
TOTAL SUPPORT	71	69	68	76
Somewhat oppose	8	11	10	10
Strongly oppose	5	5	8	5
TOTAL OPPOSE	13	16	18	15
Don't know	17	17	15	10